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6 November 1950

Chief, Employees Division  
Special Support Staff  
Chief, Fiscal Division  
Administrative Staff  
[redacted]

1. Reference is made to Personal Service Contract No. [redacted] under which the subject contractor performs duties for the Agency as a GSA Intermittent Consultant.

2. Effective 2 October 1950, the [redacted] available to GSA without charge on the understanding that the Agency would reimburse him for expenses incident to the assignment. In this connection, your attention is invited to letter of 29 September 1950 to the GCI from the Vice President, [redacted] and letter of 3 October 1950 in reply thereto from the GCI.

3. PL 500, 79th Congress, provides in part that "persons serving without compensation may be allowed, while away from their homes or regular places of business, transportation and not to exceed \$10.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence en route and at place of such service or employment".

4. Evidently, it was the thought of the Employees Division and the Communications Division that [redacted] would be paid transportation expenses and \$10.00 per diem while away from his home in [redacted] and working under Contract No. [redacted]. This gives rise to the following questions:

First, it would appear from the correspondence referred to above that [redacted] regular place of business is [redacted] which would restrict the payment of per diem to him at that point in accordance with the terms of PL 500.

Second, it would appear from the correspondence referred to above that the intent was to reimburse the contractor for his expenses. This would mean that [redacted] should claim reimbursement for actual official expenses as supported by receipts.

Third, [redacted] appears to be a suburb of [redacted] and the Comptroller General has ruled that per diem is not payable to an individual at a duty point within commuting distance from his home.

5. In the absence of amending Contract No. [redacted] on a GSA basis, so that he could be paid a daily rate in the estimated amount of his expenses, (including transportation), it is felt that difficulties would be encountered with the General Accounting Office in line with the questions suggested above.

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cc: Mr. [redacted]  
Mr. [redacted]  
Mr. [redacted]

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